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Applicant : Per Lothe

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

It is requested that U.S. national stage examination be carried out on the claims as amended.

Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the claims of the application, as amended.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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